

April 23, 1976

Peck's Service Station
Mr. Guy E. Peck
400 W. Kearney St.
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Peck:

On Monday, April 19, 1976, a strong odor of gasoline was present in the sanitary sewer lines at the 2300 block of both Campbell Avenue and Boonville Avenue. The Gasoline fumes were strong enough to have apparently caused the minor explosion noted in that area.

Personnel from this office contacted you about the matter, and you indicated that you did not think that there was a leak in your underground tanks, since there was no discrepancies in your records. Also, you stated that you had not had any spillage on your lot.

One other thing that needs to be emphasised is that the Springfield City Code, Chapter 30, Section 30-9 strictly states that "No person shall discharge or cause to be discharge...any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas to any sewer." I do not know whether you use any of the above mentioned products to clean your grease rack or your tools, but any such operation would put you in direct violation of Chapter 30 and of State and Federal Law.

Personnel from this office will contact you within the next couple of days to see if you have discovered any difference in dailey amount of gasoline measured by "sticking" your tanks, as compared to the amount pumped. It is the intent of this office to confer with the Fire Department to determine the need to have your tanks pressure tested for soundness.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Yours truly,

Gene Pabst

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cc: Mr. John Nixon, Regional Administrator, Department of Natural Resources
✓ Mr. David L. Wilson, Fire Prevention Bureau
Public Works File

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